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N. J. TERCENTENARY FILM HIGHLIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT SOCIETY MEETING, NOV. 24

An interesting and appropriate closing to the Society's year-long participation in New Jersey's Tercentenary celebration is the showing of the film "The Land Called New Jersey" at the annual business meeting this month.

This 28½-minute film depicts the founding and development of New Jersey and shows many historic and natural sites including the restored village of Allaire State Park, Batsto Mansion, Dey Mansion, Edison Museum, Hancock House, Ringwood Manor; the State Museum, Old Barracks and Trent House in Trenton; the Ford Mansion (Washington Headquarters), Jockey Hollow and Wick House in Morristown National Historical Park; Nassau Hall at Princeton University, Old Queens at Rutgers University, Washington's Crossing, High Point State Park, Delaware Water Gap and Atlantic City.

Coincidentally, fascinating supplementary reading to the film appears in the October, 1964, edition of "American

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 24

TIME: 8 P. M.

**PLACE: Friends Meeting House
Annex, Lake Street**

Heritage." On page 62, an article on the royal land grant in New Jersey is titled, "The Most Improveablest Land" Written by John Brooks, it relates the squabble over the boundary between East and West Jersey. Mr. Brooks writes that over a period of more than two centuries the East and West Jersey proprietors carried on intermittently one of the most durable property-line rows in the history of unneighborliness. "I recently asked Richard P. McCormick of Rutgers," he relates, "an authority on New Jersey history and a West Jersey proprietor, whether he thought the boundary dispute was over. 'I wouldn't say that,' McCormick replied. 'I'd merely say it's quiescent.'"

PRESIDENT REPORTS ON SOCIETY MILESTONES IN LAST YEARS

Dear Members:

With the end approaching of my four years as your president I would like to review the accomplishments and highlights of these years and express my appreciation to each member, officer and trustee who helped make these achievements possible.

The 250th Anniversary of the Borough of Haddonfield in 1963. We helped with research, entered a float in the parade and participated in the first town meeting celebrating the Anniversary, featuring Historian John T. Cunningham as speaker on February 19. We also published a book on the history of Haddonfield, "This is Haddonfield."

New Jersey's Tercentenary in 1964. The Society contributed its research facilities and was represented by membership on the Tercentenary Committee.

Candlelight Tours. Three tours of old homes and buildings held in the Fall of each year attracted up to 700 visitors—a successful social as well as financial project.

The Library. We have improved our Library facilities with volunteer workers weekly servicing our manuscripts and pamphlets. These are now being used by students, residents of the borough and adjacent towns, as far distant as the Winterthur Museum. The famous Rhoads Collection, bequeathed to us, has now been well indexed, recorded and placed in new fireproof cases.

The Hip Roof House. Haddonfield's oldest house has been saved for posterity through the efforts of the Society which was able to purchase the house with the help of contributions from members, friends and many community residents.

Flea Markets. Our reactivated Woman's Committee has conducted these successful Markets on the grounds of Greenfield Hall. They have proved an outstanding community attraction as well as financially worthwhile.

Lecture Series. The Woman's Committee has also sponsored a course of lectures on historical and antiquarian subjects. These have been well attended.

Community Efforts. The Society has cooperated in the local Adult School with classes on American Antiques and local history; with the Haddon Fortnightly Antique Shows and their Junior Section's bazaars.

Headquarters Buildings improved. Greenfield Hall has been maintained in fine condition, its grounds and general maintenance improved. Though not yet complete, important jobs are getting done. Many acquisitions have been received adding to its interior appointments and its use and enjoyment by members and friends.

It is our hope that the progress made over the last years, since acquiring Greenfield Hall as our headquarters building, will continue with the help of all our members so that this Society can be of lasting value to Haddonfield, to our State and the Nation.

Martha K. Goettelmann

November, 1964.

"This is Haddonfield," the most definitive history ever written on this 250-year old town, makes an ideal Christmas gift. You may purchase this book for \$7.50 at the Society's headquarters or at the Haddonfield Public Library. If you wish, send your check for \$7.50 drawn to the order of "History Book Committee." Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield.

LIST OF 18th AND 19th CENTURY HADDONFIELD HOUSES IS EXCELLENT GUIDE TO EARLY HISTORY OF TOWN

(An interesting tour for a pleasant day is a walk or ride to see the many interesting old houses and buildings which still stand in Haddonfield. Many of them have been restored or well maintained. A few exist in the same family. All in all there are few towns in Southern New Jersey which can claim the preservation of so many of its earliest homes.)

1713—Brick building at rear of Wood House of 1842 on Wood Lane. Elizabeth Haddon's "Brew House". This building was originally one story.

1732--258 King's Highway East. Timothy Matlack.

1732—(About) 260 King's Highway East.

1739--38 Tanner Street. "The Tanyard House". Isaac Andrews. Originally 1½ stories high.

1741 -- 135 King's Highway East. Now Terry's Shop. Estaugh House, occupied by Ann Banks when Elizabeth Estaugh made her will, Nov. 1761. Left to Mary Stevens who was a niece of John Estaugh.

1741 -- 137 King's Highway East. Now Haddon Towne Shop. Estaugh House, willed to Sarah Hopkins, daughter of Ebenezer Hopkins and who married Caleb Cresson.

1742 -- 23 Ellis Street. "Hip-roof House" moved (C-1836) from 227 or 229 King's Highway East. Home of Sarah Hopkins, widow of Ebenezer Hopkins. Wood 1½ stories.

1743 -- Rear of 264 King's Highway East. Jacob Clement.

1750--233 King's Highway East. "Indian King". Upper Tavern. Various names. Creighton House, Denny House, American House, (after 1816) Temperance House (after local option). Indian King (after 1905). Brick 2½ stories, restored. Maintained by State of New Jersey.

1752--Lane of Acres home of Edwin J. Pearson. Farm house for John Gill, II, part of house may be older than 1753. Samuel Clement bought 227 acres in Sept. 1752 and in the same year sold 110 acres and 10 perches of it to John Gill for 300 pounds. This Gill part included the Mansion House, outhouses and other buildings. Joseph Collings sold the 227 acres to John Estaugh, who sold it to Samuel Boggs, who sold it to Samuel Clement.

1758--309 King's Highway East. Home of Joseph M. Tatem. Probably built by John Shivers. Timothy Matlack bought the land from John Gill, 1744. Matlack sold to Hillman 1754 and Hillman sold to Shivers, 1758.

1760--8 Tanner Street. Probably the site of Estaugh Tavern. Present building built in the 1870's by Isaac Middleton.

1765--215 King's Highway East. Now Bud's Market. Property of Mary Redman Miller.

1777--Cor. King's Highway East and Mechanic Street. Now Neumeyer's. Lower tavern. Edward Gibbs bought lot from Elizabeth Estaugh in 1761. At the same time Thos. Cummings bought lot adjoining. A few years later, Gibbs bought the Cummings property. Gibbs built the tavern in 1777.

1782--139 King's Highway East. Now Lillian Albus Shop. Built by Samuel Kennard.

1789--Friends' School, corner Lake and Haddon Avenue. 2 story brick.

1790--438 and 444 King's Highway East, corner Lee Avenue. Double house.

1790--(about) 432 King's Highway East. Recently restored. Originally Kay property.

1799--Corner Haddon and Lake Street. Elkinton House. Built by John Estaugh Hopkins. Wood, 2 stories.

1800--"Birdwood"—Home of former Gov. Driscoll. End of Hopkins Lane. Wood, 2 stories.

1800--(about) 405 Birdwood Avenue. Farm house for Birdwood.

1805--50 Potter Street. Old Pottery.

1816--344 King's Highway East. John Roberts House, Mansion type, brick 2½ stories.

1816 -- 232 King's Highway East. Now Scribner Store; Glover House, east side is original, west side built by Samuel M. Reeves.

1820--(about) 24 Potter Street. Thackara House (Eggman House), wood, 2½ stories.

1825--(about) 25 Potter Street. Home of W. C. Rulon.

1830--22 Roberts Avenue. Home of H. R. Leicht. Built by Nicholas Willits. Formerly stood at about 428 King's Highway East and moved to present location 1914.

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1825—31 Warwick Road. John A. Swinker house. Formerly stood at 22 King's Highway West, and moved to its present location.

1830—18 King's Highway West. Built by John W. Swinker.

1834—255 King's Highway East. Home of Dr. Barron. Built by Dr. Chas. Hendry. Former home of James Lane Pennypacker.

1834—S. W. Corner Redman and Westmont Avenue, built by Thomas Redman. Rear part now used as garage built at much earlier date.

1815—(about) Corner Willits and Colonial Avenue. Formerly stood on King's Highway, moved to present location when Colonial Avenue put through. Home of Dr. Bowman Hendry, born 1773, came to Haddonfield 1794, had two sons, both of whom were doctors.

1835—250 King's Highway East. Fisher Store. Well in front of house was used for fire fighting. Two story, wood.

1836—8 King's Highway West. Stretch Funeral Home. 2½ story, wood, built by Nathan Willits.

1836—227, 229, 231 King's Highway East. Three brick houses built by John Shivers for John Clement. Willed to 3 daughters of John Clement.

1841—343 King's Highway East. "Greenfield Hall" home of Historical Society of Haddonfield. Brick, 2½ story, built by John Gill, 4th. The third house to be erected on this site. First by John Gill, I, prior to 1714; second built in 1747 by John Gill, II, and the "Little Room" and quarters over in the present Greenfield Hall are from the original John Gill, II, house.

1842—Wood House on Wood Lane. Built on foundations of Elizabeth Haddon House which was built in 1713 and destroyed by fire in 1812. (Brew House remained—see 1713). Greek Revival, three stories, Mansion type.

1844—N. W. Corner King's Highway East, and Grove Street, Alexander House.

1846—252 and 254 King's Highway East. Home (254) and office (252) of Dr. Benj. Blackwood.

1851—Hicksite Friends' Meeting, Ellis and Walnut Streets, moved and turned at right angles, 200 feet and became central part of Acme Super Market.

1851—Lake Street Meeting—Lake Street at Friends Avenue. 2 story, brick.

1853—The Haddon Fortnightly Club House, corner King's Highway East and Grove Street, 2 story, brick, with balcony, stage, etc. Originally built as Methodist Church. Later Artisans Hall.

1854—613 Warwick Road. Ephraim Gill House.

1856—56 Haddon Avenue. "The Estaugh". Built by Chas. Rhoads, 2½ story, fr. brick.

1856—38 Haddon Avenue. Home of Mr. J. T. Carey. Built from log cabin on site, by Parkham and others. 2½ story, frame.

1852—(or earlier) Wm. Coffin House on Bancroft School grounds.

—19 Potter Street.

—Rear or corner Potter and King's Highway East. Shinn House.

SITES OF EARLY STRUCTURES

1682 Mountwell. Stood on west side of Center Street, just south of Cottage Avenue. Built by Francis Collings. Destroyed by fire in spring of 1872.

1742 — 207 King's Highway East, corner alley. Wm. Criscom and Capt. Cooper.

1817—(circa) corner King's Highway East and Mechanic Street, now Farrow Store. Built by Richard Stafford; destroyed by fire in 1955. First telephone in Haddonfield located here.

1764—Site of Fire House. Second oldest volunteer fire company in U. S.

—Two smithies, one located at triangle of Haddon and Mechanic Street, the other at triangle of Potter and Ellis Streets.

NEW OFFICERS, TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED AT NOVEMBER MEETING

The Nominating Committee herewith submits a list of members of the Society selected by it for nomination to the various offices to be filled at the annual business meeting on November 24.

President—Mr. Louis H. Goettelmann

1st Vice President—

Mr. Edwin J. Pearson

2nd Vice President—

Mr. Harry A. Bauer

Treasurer—Mr. D. Irving Taylor

Corresponding Secretary—

Mrs. Edward W. Jennings

Trustees—terms expire 1967

Mr. E. Chandler Archer

Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann

Mrs. Edward E. Krauss, Jr.

Mr. Charles R. Mulloy, Jr.

Mr. John S. Wood, Jr.

Trustee to fill unexpired term of

Mr. Harry A. Bauer (1965)

Mr. Jesse G. Haydock, Jr.

Nominating Committee:

Chairman, Joseph M. Tate

Mrs. Joseph W. Pennypacker

Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, Jr.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR SUCCESS UNDIMINISHED BY RAIN

The Third Annual Candlelight Tour sponsored by the Society exceeded rainy day expectations by attracting more than 600 visitors and yielding a net profit of \$7017.62. This fund-raising activity of the Society not only proved a financial success but favorably projected the Society's activities throughout Haddonfield, Camden County and neighboring counties. Under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Paul Sims, a great many members worked a great many hours to make the Tour a success. The Society is indeed grateful to them and to the residents who graciously opened their homes and gardens to benefit the Society.

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION PROGRESS REPORTED

For almost a year now the Society's library has been open regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 P. M., serviced by a group of volunteers. Under the guidance of Mrs. Gertrude Hess, Society Librarian, these volunteers have aided in transferring manuscripts to new folders each properly identified and checked with the existing catalogue cards. The printed books and pamphlets are being either catalogued or re-catalogued as the need arises and properly processed. Cards are being typed and filed, leather bindings are being oiled and an inventory of the entire collection is under way. This work serves an important two-fold purpose. The holdings are made available to readers and the volunteers are gradually learning the contents of the collection which in time will enable them to give more knowledgeable assistance to readers. Mrs. Hess expressed the hope that time and research may bring to light hidden treasures in the manuscript materials.

Mrs. Hess plans that now our "house" is in better order, the next step is to build up the collections. When finances permit there should be a systematic plan to add titles, new and old, in our special fields of interest, coordinated with the accession policy of the town library so as to prevent unnecessary duplication.

To make the library unique, however, a concerted effort should be made to collect manuscript source material pertinent to the history of Haddonfield and the surrounding area—letters, deeds, marriage certificates, shop and account books, records of business houses and other organizations. It is in the latter category that the members of the Society can play an important role. Gifts of family papers will be welcomed. Mrs. Hess assures they will be properly preserved.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS

MAY THROUGH OCTOBER, 1964

1. Sheraton Dressing Table, circa 1800, Irish; walnut—given by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Danenhower.
2. Sawbuck table, pine; small rugs and household articles—given by Mr. and Mrs. Danenhower.
3. Approx. 150 dressed dolls of different countries with a case holding 62 and its location map of origin. Case of 62 dolls on loan at present. Other dolls a gift to society—given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Christopher, Audubon.
4. Six Commemorative glass tumblers, 200th Anniversary of Haddon Fire Co. No. 1. Haddonfield 1964-1764—through Marshall D. Wilkinson, Chairman.
5. Papers of Joseph Bould including—A—Commission as 2nd Lieut. in Union Army dated April 1, 1864 and signed by President Lincoln. B—War Dept. Papers signed by Edwin M. Stanton, Secy. of War—presented by his daughter now in her 90th year (in Haddonfield).
6. Two old costumes, male and female; old hand woven linens; ironstone hot plate with picture of Atlantic City Lighthouse; also housekeeping articles—given by Martha and Lou Goettelmann.
7. Silk patch work quilt—given by Mrs. Kenneth Schroeder.
8. Wash bench; water jug, series of 1893 Columbian Exhibit Memorial pictures—given by Miss Annette McComb.
9. Old Copy of Painting by J. L. Ferris (original in Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.)—presented by Mrs. Elmer McCauley.
10. Master Switchboard and old telephone from 1st high school building; several old pictures, contents of corner stone from high school built at corner Lincoln and Chestnut and which was torn down for new Junior school, Spring 1964—presented by Mrs. William W. Reynolds.
11. Picture—Legion Post Dinner, 1920—presented by Mrs. E. T. Sutvan, 912 Lakeview Avenue, Laurel Springs.
12. Old Dolls—presented by Mrs. L. T. Reinicker.
13. Blue wedding dress 1884; black mourning dress 1897, belonged to Mrs. Susan E. Bossert—given by Mrs. Walter E. Dengler, Jr., 521 Magill Avenue, Collingswood.
14. Baby's flannel coat; fancy shirt which was worn by Dr. Frank P. Stone of Laurel Springs—presented by Mrs. Stanley L. Brown.
15. Old Spice Box and its contents—presented by Mrs. Benj. Wood.
16. Old cuff links, 3 silk sashes, small leather sewing box—presented by Miss K. V. Schniepp of Audubon.
17. Tilt top mahogany Empire table; Windsor chair, several small rugs; Mezzotint; American Flag with 21 stars; box of ladies' silk and mulle scarfs; several old pictures of Haddonfield in 19th Century; old jewelry; steel cut purse; silk hand embroidered quilt; peacock feathered fan; two handmade muslin baby caps (worn at Queen Victoria's Silver Jubilee in 1862)—presented by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Danenhower.
18. Old postcards of Haddon Fire Co. No. 1—presented by Mrs. Townsend Boyer.
19. Handmade Hardware (spikes, locks, etc.) salvaged from vessel sunk in the Delaware River during the 1700's in the area of Gloucester—presented by John H. Cunningham.

MARY CARLL, Curator.

SUZANNE SIMS, Assistant Curator.